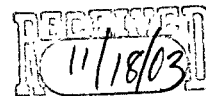


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To Whom It May Concern:

At the risk of being labeled a nudge, I am again writing to complain about the inability of the courts of appeal to agree on a single form of briefs. The individual circuit rules vary in important details from the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. To cite but two examples, the Federal Rules excuse *amicus* briefs from preparing a summary of argument; the Eleventh Circuit requires one. That same Circuit imposes different cover and binding requirements for briefs than the Federal Rules do.

I am at a continuing loss to understand why the mechanics of brief writing should not be uniform across the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Stern".

Marc D. Stern

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